1	2	3	4	5
12.	Maharashtra	-	3	6417
	Goa	-	-	4693
13.	North-East			
	Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	3059
	Manipur	-	-	2722
	Meghalaya	-	-	1791
	Mizoram	-	-	1791
	Nagaland	-	-	4065
	Tripura	-	-	3933
14.	Orissa	-	-	3922
15.	Punjab	1	3	5190
	Chandigarh	-		12814
16.	Rajasthan	-	6	4276
17.	Tamil Nadu	-	3	4583
	Pondicherry	-	-	7894
18.	Uttar Pradesh	-	3	6942
19.	West Bengal	-	3	8030
	Sikkim	-	-	2074
	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	-	-	2866
	TOTAL	4	53	5517

Foreign Visits sponsored by IRCON

1922. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Construction Company Limited (IRCON) has sponsored foreign visits of private individuals involving out-go of foreign exchange, including payments of their air passage;

(b) if so, the details therof, including circumstances under which these visits were sponsored;

(c) whether the Governnment have also recieved complaints about financial and administrative irrregularities in IRCON;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken/proposed in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (e). Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

[Translation]

Interest Free Loans

1923. SHRI D.P. YADAV : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have made any scheme to provide interest free loans for self-employment to these unemployed who have not got any job even after passing of 5 years of getting themselves registered with the Employment Exchanges; and

(b) if so, the number of such unemployed youth who have been given loans till November, 1996, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Complaints against Western Railway Authorities

1924. SHRI V.M. SUDHEERAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have recieved any complaints against Western Railway authorities regarding charges of violation of Railway rules pertaining to the recruitment/promotion/posting and allotment of accomodation to the persons belonging to the scheduled castes and scheduled tribes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c) Western Railway administration have received representations-cum-complaints from employees including Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes(SC/STs) regarding clarification on promotional policy arising out of various judgements passed by the Central Administrative Tribunals(CAT). Based on the facts and as per extant rules the representations/complaints have been disposed of and in some cases the position have been clarified to the

concerned employees including those belonging to SC/STs. Supereme Court's ordes for revision of reservation policy to provide the reservation in promotion on posts and not on vacancies will be decided by the Department of Personnel and Training.

Armed Escorts to Foreign Tourists

1925. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign tourists visiting especially Bihar will be provided armed escorts;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether tourists were killed in Bihar recently; and

(d) if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a)and(b) To provide security and protection to the foreign tourists visiting important places in Bihar the State Government has directed the concerned District Authorities to provide intensive day and night patroling.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Internet Service

1926. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Internet Access Sevice facilities are available in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof region-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose privatise Internet Access sevices in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof;and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes,Sir.

(b) Following is the list of stations where Internet Access nodes from DoT/VSNL are available:

NORTH -	New Delhi, Lucknow, Kanpur, Chandigargh.
EAST -	Calcutta
WEST -	Ahemdabad, Mumbai and Pune.
SOUTH -	Hyderabad, Bangalore, Chennai,Mysore (Software Technology Park).

The above nodes can be accessed on dial up basis. The nodes situated in metro cities can be accessed by leasing a data communication circuit from any wherein the country.

(c) to (e). Modalities for possible introduction of private operators offering Internet access are under examination.

Accidents in Hindalco

1927. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the nature and number of accidents occurred in Hindalco at Renukoot in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) the causes of these accidents;

(c) the number of labourers killed and injured in these accidents;

(d) the compensation paid to the kins of those killed and injured labourers; and

(e) the measures taken to check recurrence of such accidents?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Performance of ESI

1928. SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the shortage of doctors, specialists, medical equipments, medicines and inadequate number of lady doctors in ESI hospitals/dispensaries;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken being taken for restructuring, upgrading and modernising of ESI network and providing better services;

(d) the expenditure incurred on ESI hospitals/dispensaries during each of the last three years; and

(e) the number of defaulter employees availing the medical facilities during each of the last three years, state-wise?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (c). In Delhi and NOIDA the responsibility for administration of medical care under the ESI Act, 1948 vests in the Employees' State Insurance Corporation 9ESIC). Even though the expenditure on medical care is shared by the ESIC and the State Govts./U.T. Administrations in the ratio of 7:1, the responsibility for administration of medical care at other places vests in the State Governments/U.T. Administrations. The ESI Corporation has fixed norms for providing adequate equipments, doctors, specialists etc. in ESI Hospitals/Dispensaries. There have been sporadic complaints about shortage of doctors, medicines, equipments etc. in the ESI hospitals. Such complaints, as and when received, are brought to the